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THE wisest of Kings, and greatest of Philosophers, even *Solomon*, Saith, That Correction is necessary for the Foolish and Simple, the Haughty and Proud, the Griping and Covetous, the haughty Oppressor; and even the evil Counsellor of a King; against such a Person, the wise Man inveighs with the greatest Justice and Severity; and denounces the heaviest Punishments that can be; Pride (saith he) goeth before Destruction, and an haughty Spirit before a Fall: Thou knowest therefore, *Robin*, with what Pride of Heart thou hast acted all along, but little didst thou think of the Destruction which would attend it: Thou couldst form to thy self, that thou had all the World in Possession thro' the Haughtiness of thy self, but little didst thou think that thy Fall would sink Thee into lowest Pit of Disgrace.

Therefore, after all the Precautions that has been shewn thee, Ales of all the deserved Punishments of thy Predecessors who rose to highest pinnacles of POWER, at the Expence of their Masters.

Masters Peace and Tranquillity, Honour, and Grandeur, and the Wealth and Riches of their Fellow-Countrymen, whereby thou hast amass'd to thy self immense Riches, and drain'd from thy Country all round thee, to thy great Disgrace, and the Ruin of their Trade and Commerce: Therefore the Rod is justly upon thy Back; for the Evil which thou hast committed; and a cruel Messenger shall scourge thee, for as the aforesaid Solomon saith, *An evil Man seeketh only Rebellion; therefore a cruel Messenger shall be sent against him*: Thy greediness of Gain hath brought this; How much better would it have been for thee to have sought after Wisdom than Gold? And Understanding rather than Silver? For, a Wise Man may truly be said to be the Support of his Master, and thou hast long been in the Sight of thy Master's Countenance; which, if thou hadst behaved as an Honest Patriot ought, would have continued Life and Favour unto thee, But behold his VVrath is skrewed up against thee, and thy Fellow-Countrymen are all greedy to see thee Punish'd according to thy Deserts; prepare therefore thy Back to the Smiter, for thou as an Evil Servant deservest to be beaten with many Stripes; and after such Discipline, till Blood letting is thought Expedient for thee, prepare thy self to receive a hearty Purge, whereby thou may'st Vomir up all thy ill got VVealth, and thy Neighbours have their own again. — The VVrath of a King is as Messengers of Death, to them whose Lips are unrighteous: Therefore scourge thou him, O thou Legislative Executioner of the Law, and that with all thy Might. *And Cursed is he that doth the Work of the Lord negligently.*

In as much therefore Robin, that thou art guilty of the greatest Crimes that can be committed against thy Country, and that thou art in a fair way to be punish'd for it: Henceforward let all aspiring Wretches take warning by thee since thou wouldst not be warn'd by others, how they have themselves in those eminent Stations, the Posts of Trust, to which their Master, thinks fit to raise 'em. For,

Felix quem faciunt aliena periculi Cautum.

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